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Open House Held At Lowell Parsonage

Members of the Lowell Congregational Christian Church, Roanoke, Ala., invited the public to open house for their new parsonage at 301 Handley Avenue on Sunday, January 15th, between the hours of three and five o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Rufus Eichelberger greeted the guests with the minister, the Rev. Ralph Worley, and Mrs. Worley.

Red carnations were used in the living room, while green foliage and potted plants were used throughout the house. The tea table, with a green cloth overlaid with white lace, had a center arrangement of red roses.

Mrs. Herbert Pike poured green fruit punch, Mrs. Marion Overton served white embossed individual cakes, and Mrs. Tom Breed assisted in serving nuts and mints. Billy Wayne Worley kept the guest book.

The house has three bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, breezeway used as family room, and one bath. It is ranch style, with asbestos shingle and frame construction, set on an ample lot. The new telephone number is 5405.

LENT, A TIME OF SELF-STUDY

By Rev. John L. Martin

need.

Lent is a time for introspection and self-analysis and the study of one's life before God and the world. At the Ministers' Convocation at Camp Calvin, January 23-25, 1967, the Southeast Conference anticipated its lenten practice with complete thoroughness. With help from various workers from the denomination, this period of soul-searching proved beneficial in every respect.

As any Christian does during this time of the year, we discovered that the Conference has failed in certain vital areas. We have not grown as we should. Actually, we are losing both members and churches.

We have not given as we should. Many of our churches seem to feel that they have no mission responsibility beyond their front door. They have lost their vision of a world in desperate

We have not worked as we should. Pure laziness has taken over certain congregations and their loss in members and money can only be accounted for by the fact that they are too lazy to do the work necessary to correct the situation.

We have not cooperated as we should. We have many churches that fail to recognize their relationship to and dependency upon other churches of the denomination and the denomination itself. This isolationism is squeezing the life from many of these self-centered churches.

We know, however, that self-examination can lead to morbid despondency and pure negativism. Those at the Convocation found much favorable in our Conference.

We found certain congregations making a dynamic impact upon areas of

our Southland. These groups are not growing by leaps and bounds, but are demonstrating effectively the mission of the church in our day.

We found that opportunity for the United Church of Christ is unique in the Southeast. There is a large gap in the Christian Gospel as it is being communicated by most of the churches in this area and the church that can best fill that gap is the United Church of Christ.

News From The Churches Of The Southeast Conference

Central Church Holds Its Annual Meeting

Central Church, Atlanta, in its annual meeting held January 27, reported a total of 62 members received this year and 43 dropped, making a net gain of 19 members, total 449.

The meeting was well attended, and began with a family covered-dish supper in Fellowship Hall. One interesting note in the Church School report was that there were more teachers than pupils in the Kindergarten department this fall. Other organizations reporting were: Couples Club, Grimpils, Men of Central, Senior Pilgrim Fellowship, Junior Pilgrim Fellowship, and Women's Fellowship. The minister, Rev. Frederick Meyer, reported 452 calls made, 98 meetings, 44 sermons, along with other activities for the church. The church adopted a budget of \$37,884, with OCWM support of \$6,500. The building fund is in a separate fund. The church continues its negotiations to sell the present property and relocate.

Officers elected: Moderator, M. R. Carstens; vice-moderator, V. S. Peterson; clerk, Mrs. Carl Henry; treasurer, Walter Jackson; asst. treasurer, V. S. Peterson. Delegates to Southeast Convention and Georgia-S. C. Conference: Mrs. E. L. Askren, Mrs. Richard Evans, Mrs. Karlton Johnson, Messrs. J. H. McDaniel, Irl Middleton, Austin Starrett.

The newly created Committee for Our Christian World Mission and the Social Action Committee were made regular standing committees of the church.

A Planning Retreat for the church will be held May 27, at Camp Calvin.

Included on the program was a most interesting collection of colored slides of activities in the life of the church and its organizations.

The Advisory Board suggestion that the minister of Central exchange pulpits with the pastor of First Congregational Church of Atlanta is being carried out on February 12th. Rev. Frederick Meyer will exchange pulpits with Rev. Homer C. McEwen.

The theme for the Lenten series of

East Tallassee Church Officers For 1967

Moderator — Bobby Sayers
Vice-Moderator — Ralph Hammock
Clerk — Lorelei Ballard
Treasurer — Nettie Gresham
S. S. Supt. — Harvey Pemberton
Asst. S. S. Supt.—Wilma Pemberton
Organist — Virginia Fralic
Pianist — Jettie Logan
Choir Director — Challis Rhodes
Asst. Director — Lorelei Ballard

DEACONS:

G. F. Logan, Dewitt Cullars, C. H. Ledbetter, H. T. Pemberton

TRUSTEES:

Floyd Ballard, Ruby Scroggins, Larry Cochran, Charles Miller

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Harvey Pemberton, Wilma Pemberton, Challis Rhodes, Willa Durden, Merle Baker, Montez Pemberton

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Nettie Gresham, Alfie Bolan, Clara Cullars, Jettie Logan, Christine Ledbetter

services on Wednesday evenings will be "The Renewal of the Church." The meetings will be at 6:30 p. m., with a pot-luck style fellowship supper for all church families.

The schedule is:

Feb. 22 — "Renewing the Church in Our City." Speaker: Dr. Harmon Moore, Executive Secretary, Atlanta Council of Churches.

March 1 — "The Renewal of the Ministry." Speaker: Dr. McDowell Richards, President Columbia Theological Seminary.

March 8 — "Renewal on the Mission Field." Speaker: Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Secretary S. E. Region, Stewardship Council.

March 15 — "Renewal in the United

Lanett Church Host For Youth Rally

The Lanett Church was host for the two-day Area Rally of the United Church Youth on Saturday and Sunday, January 28th and 29th. The Rally was called to order at 10:30 a. m. Saturday by Daryl Peebles, president. After a period of singing and a business session, the speaker was introduced by the host pastor. The Rev. Mr. Allen B. Hollis Jr., pastor of the Congregational Christian Church in Langdale, spoke of his decision to become a missionary and of the many difficulties involved in getting to the field where he and his wife served as missionaries in Israel.

After lunch, served by the women of the host church in the Fellowship Hall, the group reassembled for a program following the general theme for the past year — Music. Several youth groups took part in the program, each group making a report on the different types of music. New officers were elected in the afternoon. They are:

President: Miss Becky Maddox, Langdale

Vice-President: Miss Joan Backstrom, Bethel Church, West Point

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Deborah Still, Lanett

Publicity Chairman: Miss Sandra Backstrom, Bethel Church, West Point

After dinner the group enjoyed an evening of recreation at Lanett gym. The Musical Combos of Phenix City furnished the band music.

The highlight of the rally was the Sunday morning message and the closing service of Holy Communion. The message was delivered by a young man of West Point. He challenged the youth to dedicate their lives to Christ and His Church.

A general planning session, at which time plans will be made for the four rallies of the next year, will be held on Sunday afternoon at the Lowell Church in Roanoke on February 19th.

Church of Christ." Speaker: Rev. Wm. J. Andes, Minister, Southeast Conference UCC.

News from the Churches of the Southeast Conference

Bonanza Community Church

Rev. L. Floyd Carmack

As most of you know, my ministry in Bonanza began on Tuesday, September 13, 1966. I did not know anyone in the community, so I parked my car and started walking and knocking on doors. I was cordially received by everyone I met in the Bonanza community, and I felt the keen interest on the part of the people in starting a new church there. Every home has been visited, some as many as eight times.

My first efforts were to try to acquaint the people with the United Church of Christ. In trying to establish a community church under the direction of the United Church of Christ, I have tried to stress that our denomination respects all faiths and that we try to work with all faiths.

We held our first service of worship on Sunday, November 6, 1966. We have been amazed at the attitude of the people in our community concerning the church. We have had an average attendance of 50 or better each Sunday since we began holding services. We will begin Sunday School within the next few weeks. We feel that we will have over 50 enrolled in Sunday School. We will be using the parsonage and the church for Sunday School classes.

One of the first needs I found when I moved into the Bonanza community was in the area of young people. There are over 200 children in Bonanza. Thus far, we have organized two Cub Scout dens and one Boy Scout troop. We have also been active in trying to get a civic club started in the community. We have had two meetings to discuss the club and draw up a constitution and by-laws. We will be meeting again within the next few weeks to adopt constitution and by-laws and to accept members into the club. The purpose of the club is to foster better relationships between neighbors in Bonanza and to beautify and improve the community.

We have recreation for the young children on Saturday from 10:00 a. m. until 1:00 p. m. We started out with about 12 and we now have around 25 at each meeting. The children play softball, soccer, volley ball and bad-

minton. This summer we hope to have supervised recreation for all age groups.

We have recently started a program of recreation for the young married couples in the community. We meet on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 to play softball and volleyball. We hope that through the civic club we can build a community center where activities can be held for all age groups.

We are having training sessions now for teachers so we can begin Sunday School in February. We will have classes at the parsonage and also at the office. We began our solicitation for charter members for the church on Sunday, January 1, 1967.

We are beginning a youth choir. They will practice not only hymns and spirituals, but will also sing some folk songs and popular songs. They will be meeting at the parsonage each Wednesday night at 7:30. We appreciate very much the piano that was given to us by Central Congregational Church, Atlanta.

The youth choir will meet on Tuesday night after February because we will begin having an adult choir meeting, along with Bible study. The first 4 weeks of Bible study will deal with 4 different areas of the United Church of Christ.

Plans are being made to start a community council, to put street lights in, and to establish a community center for young people.

I feel that things are taking place in the "Ponderosa" — that is to say, in Bonanza, and I am glad that my family and I are here. I feel that with time, prayer, a lot of hard work and devotion, our church will grow with Bonanza. I am glad we are the first denomination here — this gives us an advantage. I have confidence in what we are trying to do here. We have a great many needs, but none greater than the need of prayer. We need to know that our sister churches are behind us here at Bonanza. We feel that with the prayers of others, and with God's help, our work will grow to the improvement of His Kingdom here on earth. I hope and pray I will not fail God or the church.

YF Officers Elected

At St. John's Church

The Youth Fellowship of the St. John's Church, Cullman, Alabama, met Sunday night, December 4, at the parsonage for election of officers, followed by a party. Officers elected were:

President — Lydia Stiefelmeyer

Vice-President — David Schulz

Sec.-Treas. — Jimmy Buchanan

Former president, Corene Butler, conducted the meeting.

The group decided to collect cola bottles, the proceeds from which will go to the mission work in Honduras. Anyone who has cola bottles to donate please contact the officers of the Youth Fellowship and they will pick them up. We appreciate your interest in our interest in the mission work in Honduras, conducted by our denomination.

North Alabama

Youth Plan Retreat

The Youth Executive Committee of North Alabama Association, meeting at Garden City Church, made plans for an Association Youth Retreat to be held at Camp Sumatanga Saturday, May 20, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Morning activities will include business, a sound filmstrip, and discussion. Following lunch, various types of recreation will be offered. All North Alabama youth should make note of this date and watch for further details.

Attendance At

Ministers' Convocation

Thirty-three ministers of the Southeast Conference, three ministers' wives, and three guests, making a total of thirty-nine people, attended the Ministers' Convocation January 23-24, 1967, at Camp Calvin, Georgia. Practically all of these indicated a sincere interest in the hospitalization policy for the ministers of the Conference, as presented by the United Church of Christ.

News from the Churches of the Southeast Conference

Huntsville Church

In Annual Meeting

The Huntsville, Alabama, Church, in annual meeting held January 22, reported 13 members added and 8 transferred, making a total of 89.

A budget of \$18,322 was adopted for 1967.

Among activities reported by the Board of Deacons were: buying and installing air conditioning in the sanctuary and a typewriter purchased for the church office. It was interesting to note that the Evangelism Committee met nearly every month of the year and accomplished quite a lot of work. Lists of potential members were obtained from the American Hospitality League, and from surveys.

In March, the annual Southeast Conference Youth Meeting was entertained by this church. At this meeting, 200 young people and advisors elected Hal Hall from this church as president of Southeast Conference Youth.

The church has been active in the Council of United Church Women. A United Church Curriculum Evaluation Project is now being carried on through the Church School. This includes visits by two Vanderbilt Seminary students, as well as Miss Florence Vail and others of the national staff.

The women reported, among other things, two interesting programs: the History and Program of Our Church and Oriental Flower Arrangement, inviting men and other guests.

During the June and November congregational meetings, concern was expressed about continuing with the building without pastoral guidance. Two views were presented: first, to stop and wait for pastoral leadership; second, to forge ahead without this leadership. A compromise was reached between these two views in that we would perform those functions not requiring pastoral leadership and prepare for those that do require it.

New officers elected are:

J. L. Martin Installed At

New Project In Montgomery

Rev. John L. Martin was formally installed as pastor of our new church project in South Montgomery, Alabama, on Sunday afternoon, February 5, at 3:00 p. m.

Participating in the service were: Dr. William J. Andes, Conference Minister; Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Minister-at-Large of the East Alabama Association; Rev. G. Franklin Lewis, minister of First Church in Montgomery; Rabbi David A. Baylinson of Temple Beth, Montgomery; and Rev. John W. Phillips, vicar of All Saints Episcopal Church, Montgomery.

Hymns used were: "O, Worship the King," "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," "Rise Up, O Men of God," and "Lead On, O King Eternal."

Following the service, members and friends were invited to the parsonage nearby for open house.

A new sign has been erected for the church, placed on the lawn: UNITED CHURCH OF SOUTH MONTGOMERY.

The building used for church services is attractively arranged with a kitchen, several classrooms, and sanctuary. They hope to build later.

Moderator — Larry Thompson

Vice-Moderator — John Pline

Secretary — Pat Hall

Treasurer — Bill Herfurth

Financial Secretary — Bill Green

Christian Education Director — Shir-

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W. J. Hill Sr. Retires

Rev. W. J. Hill Sr. of Birmingham, Alabama, has recently retired after several years of service in ministry to churches of the Southeast Conference.

Mr. Hill worked his way through Talladega College and received his B. D. degree in 1924. He completed his credits for the B. A. degree in education in the summer.

After teaching in Georgia a short while, he was offered a teaching position in his home town of Pell City, Ala. Here, he began his pastorate in the Alpine Church and continued until ill health forced him to retire a little over a year ago. While at Alpine, the church purchased an electric organ, new pews, and built up funds for building a new church, which has been started.

About five years ago, Mr. Hill began work as pastor of the Athens Church two Sundays a month, traveling the over 100 miles round trip by bus.

Mr. Hill is married to the former Mrs. Milton Williams, widow of the late Mr. Williams, former pastor of First Church, Birmingham.

Future Ministers

The Council for Church and Ministry reports the United Church has 868 seminarians enrolled in 50 seminaries for 1966-67 and 79 per cent plan to enter the parish ministry.

ley Berry

Chm. Evangelism — Dick Lowery

Chm. Social Action — Del Berg

Chm. Music — Joan Pyle

S. S. Supt. — Doris Heaman

Councilmen-at-Large — Sally Sweigart, Wade Westbrooke

Parliamentarian — Jinnie Dollard

From The Minister's Desk

By Rev. S. L. Johnson

The Annual Ministers' Convocation was held at Camp Calvin, Georgia, January 23-25, 1967. This was a very worthwhile meeting. The general emphasis was a "Long, Hard Look at the Southeast Conference." The leader in the discussions was a Southerner, Horace Sills of the Town and Country Dept., U. C. C.

That our Southeast Conference is without a doubt the weakest in the entire United Church was evident. The ministers asked "Why?" They came to some definite conclusions which I sum up briefly:

1. Our people are self-centered in their interests. They are concerned only in the local church and have little or no feeling for the total missionary endeavors of the church.

2. Criticism of denominational projects or efforts is common without individuals having proper knowledge or a real awareness of facts.

3. We refuse to try to think beyond our prejudices.

4. Many of our churches carry on their work in a "horse and buggy" sort of way, i. e., with regard to the minister, the church takes up an offering of two dollars and puts a sack of potatoes in his car. Consequently, it is impossible to attract trained men to leadership in such churches. There are about 130 churches in the Conference and only about thirty properly trained clergymen.

5. Our churches think they can live unto themselves and therefore take no part in the life of the Association. No church fully exists without the support of other churches of like kind.

6. Southern folks like to "talk poor," with the result that stewardship of time, money, and talents is negligible.

7. Negativism is far too common. People say, "It may be it's O. K., or it may work, but I don't believe it."

This was a hard session, a soul-searching session, but one that your ministers hope may prove helpful. Mr. Sills assured us that unless we correct some of our attitudes our future as a conference is very questionable.

EVENTS TO COME

Feb. 20, 1967 — At Atlanta, Southeast Conference Office: Ministers' Convocation Committee — 11 A. M.

Commission on Evangelism—4 P. M.
Commission on Church and Ministry—4 P. M.

Feb. 21, 1967 — 10:30 A. M.

Board of Directors, Southeast Conference, at Atlanta, 10:30 A. M.—4:00 P. M.

Feb. 25, 1967 — 6:00 P. M.

E. Alabama Churchmen's Fellowship
Ladies' Night, Southern Union College

Feb. 28, 1967 — Ala.-Tenn. Acting Association, Belvidere Church, Tenn.

March 4 & 5, 1967 — Annual Meeting, Youth Fellowship of Southeast Conference, First Church, Nashville, Tenn.

March 5, 1967 — ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — SHARE OUR SURPLUS Offering

March 7, 1967 — 10:00 A. M.

Commission on Our Christian World Mission, at Conference Office, Atlanta

March 11 & 12, 1967

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With the forthcoming session of the Southeast Conference meeting in Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on April 29 and 30, 1967, we are reminded of the MEMBERSHIP of this CONFERENCE as being composed of:

1. The ordained and licensed ministers holding standing in an association of this Conference or in this Conference itself.

2. The local churches having membership in the associations of this Conference.

3. When this Conference meets, its voting membership consists of the ordained and licensed ministers of the Conference and of the lay delegates elected by the churches of the Conference. Each church is entitled to three (3) delegates. Churches having a membership of over one hundred (100) members shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof. Duly elected officers of the Conference and members of the Board of Directors shall be delegates-at-large to Conference meetings with the right of vote.

Churches should elect their delegates and be prepared to send names and addresses to the Conference office at the proper time.

(Article 4, Constitution and By-Laws of the Southeast Conference.)

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Atlanta, Ga.

March 17-19, 1967

South Alabama Youth Retreat at
R. E. A. Camp, near Andalusia,
Alabama

March 19 — Palm Sunday

March 23 — Maundy Thursday

March 24 — Good Friday

March 26 — Easter Sunday

April 1 — East Alabama Ministers,
First Church, Roanoke, 9:30 A. M.—
3:30 P. M.

April 29 & 30 — Southeast Conference,
Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala.

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A MEDITATION

By Rev. G. Franklin Lewis

Let us now praise famous men, and
our fathers that begat us. Ecc. 44

The month of February is replete
with names of great men, all of them
men of great faith, men like George
Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and
George Washington Carver.

By this faith, Washington drew his
sword, and Jefferson saw that which
was invisible. By faith, independence
was declared by a nation that was not
then a nation. By faith, Lincoln re-
united a nation and crushed the evils
of slavery.

"Wherefore, seeing we are compass-
ed about with so great a cloud of wit-
nesses, and that with so great a price,
Freedom has been purchased. Let us
lay aside every weight of selfishness
and sloth, and the sins of partisanship
and pride, which so easily beset us,
let us walk worthy of our great in-
heritance, let us be creditors of the fu-
ture, even as we are debtors to the
past, and let us know that the spirit of
history is the God of Nations, whose
other name is Justice."

PRAYER: Thanks be to thee, O God,
for all faithful souls, for all who have
given their lives to the service of man-
kind, all who have spent their fortunes
in behalf of human welfare, all who
have suffered for the sake of their fel-
low men, for thy name's sake. Amen

New Filmstrips In Conference Library

In an effort to keep our churches
abreast of the overseas relief and re-
habilitation programs of the Protest-
ant churches, our denominational Of-
fice for Audio Visuals has supplied
the Southeast Conference Library with
two new sound filmstrips:

Pinch a Penny — Pitch a Penny, an
88-frame color filmstrip with record,
shows Buddy and Speck and other
puppets learning what sharing is all
about. In a puppet-sized balloon, Bud-
dy and Speck travel to Korea, Africa,
India, and Haiti to learn the needs of
people in these lands. Back home, they
decide how they may help to alleviate
these needs. A delightful, happy pre-
sentation for boys and girls of all ages.

Vietnam is a 93-frame filmstrip with
accompanying record of narration —
running time about 12½ minutes — is
a pictorial record of one of the greatest
tragedies of our time showing the role
of Vietnam Christian Service witness-
ing to the plight of one million re-
fugees in an attempt to alleviate the
deep suffering of the people of Viet-
nam under the brutal impact of war.
Not suitable for children's groups,
Vietnam should be used either as a dis-
cussion starter or as one feature of an
adult or young people's meeting, pre-
ceded by a brief talk by a member of
the group on the present situation in
Vietnam. The filmstrip would then
point up the church's contribution to
the relief of suffering created by the
war. Material for such a talk may be
secured from Church World Service,
475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.
10027.

Both filmstrips may be borrowed
from the Southeast Conference office
for return postage only.

Minear On Committee

It is interesting to note that in the
Episcopal Committee, appointed by
Bishop Hines to study the theological
basis of Bishop Pike's beliefs, that
Paul Minear, a theologian of our Unit-
ed Church of Christ, was asked to
serve.

SEC Youth To Explore "Forms Of Ministry"

Registrations are coming into the
Southeast Conference office in Atlanta
for the annual meeting of the South-
east Conference youth, to be held in
First Church, Nashville, Saturday and
Sunday, March 4 and 5, 1967.

Registration will open at 9 A. M.
(C. S. T.), followed by fellowship
singing. During the morning the busi-
ness session will include reports from
1966 events, committee appointments,
and a worship service in charge of the
Faith Commission, Bruce Stewart,
chairman. In the afternoon the young
people and the adult advisors will tra-
vel by chartered bus to various places
on the Nashville scene which are en-
gaged in Christian ministry. A banquet
and social hour will be held at First
Church Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning, a brief business
session will be followed by morning
worship and installation of officers.
After adjournment, the old and new
officers will meet in joint session.

The registration fee is \$6.00 for the
conference.

Poverty And Affluence

Eugene Carson Blake, General Secre-
tary of the World Council of Churches,
told delegates to the 157th annual
meeting of the United Church Board
for World Ministries, "No really hung-
ry man can listen to any gospel, any
good news other than where there is
food that he and his family can eat.
No hungry man can stand off and
judge fairly what wasteful and over-
weight rich men have to say about
Jesus Christ. If the Christian is in
earnest about narrowing the gap be-
tween affluence and poverty in the
world community, he must be ready to
underwrite far more church-supported
projects."

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THE COMPANY OF THE COMMITTED, by Elton Trueblood. Bold and

"I've Got A Question"

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The panel and studio audience will be high school students from all over Atlanta. If you're not on the panel or in the studio, you can phone in your question while the show is on the air.

The program is sponsored by the First Congregational Church in cooperation with the Greater Atlanta Council of Churches.

The program is heard every Saturday from 1:00 to 2:00 on Radio Station WERD 860 in Atlanta.

Speakers appearing on the program:

Representative Julian Bond

Senator Leroy Johnson

Mrs. Dorothy Cotton, SCLC

Pastor Shah, Black Muslim

Atty. Charles Longstreet Weltner

Washington Seminar

The Churchmen's Washington Seminar, meeting January 31 - February 3, concentrated on two specific areas: "Poverty" and "Problems of Southeast Asia." This is an interdenominational seminar, the United Church of Christ having a quota of 40 delegates. Included on the program were visits to government agencies, Congressmen and discussion among delegates.

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SEVEN DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, by Wallace T. Viets. Lenten sermons based on events in last week of the life of our Lord.

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New Office Opened

In Washington

The Council of Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ has established an office for international development, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., the first such function to be sponsored by a Protestant denomination.

Associated in the program of the new office which is being financed by the United Church of Christ agency, will be the American Baptist Convention, the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), Church of the Brethren, Protestant Episcopal Church, Methodist Church and the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Rev. Dr. Ray Gibbons, New York, Director of the United Church Council for Christian Social Action, announced the appointment of the Rev. L. Maynard Catchings, Administrator of the American School in Singapore, to head the new office, which will locate in the Washington headquarters of the National Council of Churches. The purpose of the new enterprise is threefold: 1. to educate church bodies about the problems of world trade, food, and agriculture, population, community development and foreign aid; 2. to interpret international development issues to churches; and 3. to engage churches in international development projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Dr. Ray Gibbons said: "We are directing Mr. Catchings to explore every possibility of broad ecumenical cooperation in this work. We are delighted that six other denominations have already joined us as members of the program committee. We will welcome the participation of other denominations, of the National Council of Churches, and of Roman Catholic representatives.

Mr. Catchings comes to this job following seven years of service in Southeast Asia.

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